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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1087

Senate, April 19, 2005

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. MURPHY of the 16th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO MONITOR THE
PROPOSED LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY IN LONG ISLAND
SOUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 task force to monitor the proposal by the state of New York and
3 Broadwater Energy to construct and operate a floating storage and
4 regasification unit for liquefied natural gas in Long Island Sound. The
5 task force shall (1) analyze the environmental, public health, safety and
6 security implications of the proposal on the state, and (2) submit
7 testimony to each regulatory proceeding on the proposal conducted by
8 any federal agency or the state of New York. Such testimony shall
9 include recommendations for the safety zones surrounding such
10 facility and for the emergency response plan.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one representing a municipality located on Long Island Sound and one
14 experienced in the field of natural gas supply and demand and the
15 siting of liquefied natural gas facilities;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
17 representing an environmental nonprofit organization and one a
18 member of the public;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives representing a nonprofit group whose primary
21 purpose is protection of the Long Island Sound;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who may be
23 a member of the public;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representative representing a municipality located on Long Island
26 Sound;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate representing
28 a harbor management commission;

29 (7) The Commissioners of Environmental Protection, Public Health
30 and Agriculture, or their designees; and

31 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor one of whom shall be a
32 member of the Connecticut Siting Council.

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
34 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
35 of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task

41 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
 42 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
 43 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
 46 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the task
 48 force shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing
 49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 50 relating to planning and development, in accordance with the
 51 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PD	<i>Joint Favorable Subst. C/R</i>	ENV
ENV	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	PH
PH	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Department of Environmental Protection; Department of Agriculture; Public Health, Dept.	GF - None	None	None
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal
Siting Council, CT	CC&PUCF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund; CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to monitor the proposal by the state of New York and Broadwater Energy to construct and operate a floating storage and regasification unit for liquefied natural gas in Long Island Sound. The bill requires the task force to analyze environmental, public health, safety and security implications and to submit testimony to each regulatory proceeding on the proposal conducted by any federal agency of the state of New York.

The bill appoints the following members or their designees: the Commissioners of Environmental Protection, Public Health, and Agriculture. There is no fiscal impact to these agencies.

The bill requires the task force to have one member of the Connecticut Siting Council. Daily compensation for Siting Council members is approximately \$150 plus any travel expenses. To the extent that a member of the Siting Council would have to spend additional time working with the task force, this would result in a minimal cost to the state.

To the extent that any of the additional appointees are members of the General Assembly, Legislative Management may incur minimal costs for legislator mileage reimbursement. The administrative staff of the General Assembly's Planning and Development Committee shall serve as administrative staff to the task force.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO MONITOR THE PROPOSED LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY IN LONG ISLAND SOUND**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a 13-member task force to monitor the proposal by New York State and Broadwater Energy to construct and operate a floating storage and regasification unit for liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Long Island Sound. The task force must (1) analyze the environmental, public health, safety, and security implications of the proposal on the state and (2) submit testimony to each regulatory proceeding on the proposal conducted by any federal agency or New York State. The testimony must include recommendations for the safety zones surrounding such facility and for the emergency response plan. The bill specifies the task force membership and requires that it report on its activities to the Planning and Development Committee by January 1, 2006 and annually thereafter.

The House speaker and the Senate president pro tempore must select the chairpersons of the task force, from among its members. The chairpersons must schedule the first meeting, which must be held within 60 days after the governor signs the bill.

The administrative staff of the Planning and Development Committee must serve as the task force's administrative staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

MEMBERSHIP

Under the bill, the task force consists of environmental protection, public health, and agriculture commissioners, or their designees, and the 10 appointed members described in Table 1. All appointments must be made within 60 days after the governor signs the bill. The legislative leaders' may appoint be legislators.

Table 1: Appointed Members of LNG Facility Task Force

<i>Appointing Authority</i>	<i>Number of Appointments</i>	<i>Members' Qualifications</i>
House speaker	2	One representing a municipality on Long Island Sound, one experienced in natural gas supply and demand and the siting of LNG facilities
Senate president pro tempore	2	One representing a nonprofit environmental organization, one public member
House majority leader	1	One representative of a nonprofit group whose primary purpose is the protection of the Sound
Senate majority leader	1	Public member
House minority leader	1	Representative of a municipality on the Sound
Senate minority leader	1	Representative of a harbor management commission
Governor	2	One member of the Connecticut Siting Council, one other member

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 26 Nay 0

